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Decision Support Briefing Hydrologic Vulnerability Assessment



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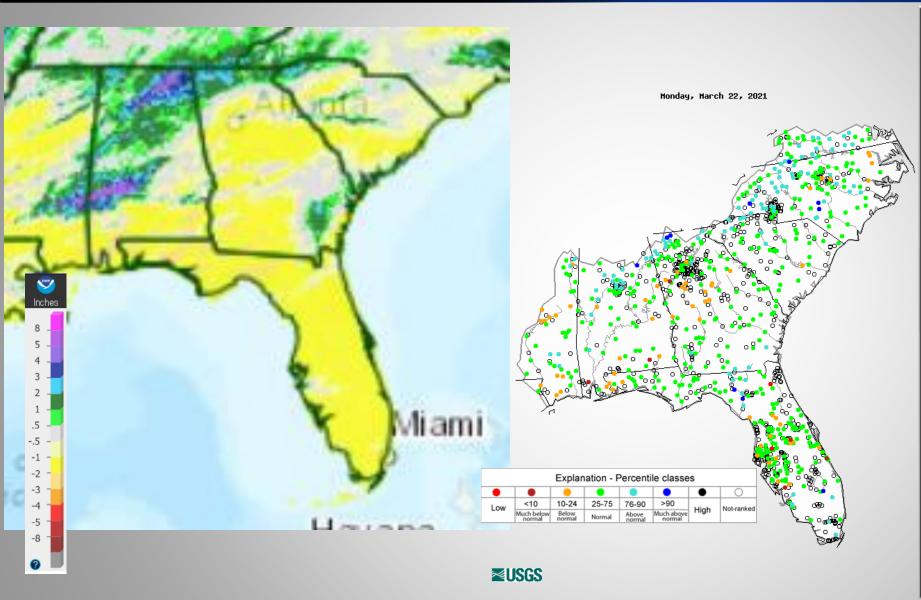




- A warm front will linger along the gulf coast bringing heavy rainfall to south Alabama and the extreme western Florida panhandle over the next 2 days.
- Flash and urban flooding, as well as some minor flooding and a moderate flood is possible possible in southwest Alabama.
- The SERFC will be watching for flooding outside that area along the Gulf Coast as the week progresses.

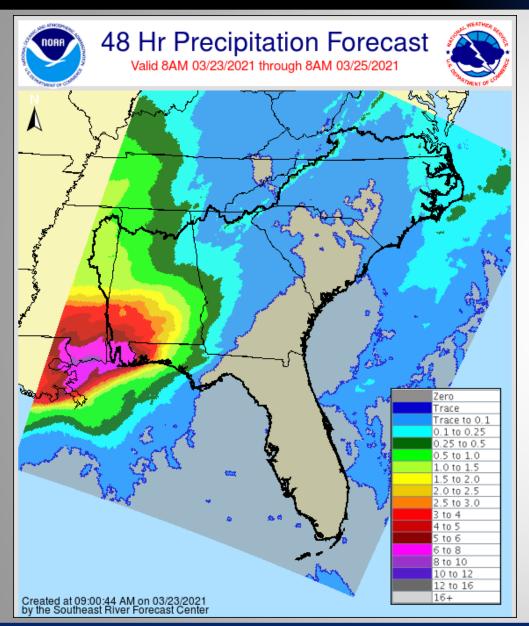
14-day departure from normal rainfall/Drought Southeast River Forecast Center Issued March 23, 2021 12:07 PM ET





The graphic on the left depicts 14-day departure from normal rainfall.
Although there have been hints of drought creeping into Alabama and Mississippi, we have seen some rainfall and flooding continues on the lower Tombigbee River.

On some smaller rivers and creeks in south Alabama, streamflows are below normal...but if we see significant rain in the area, we would expect to see flooding.



Heavy rain is forecast for a very focused area of southwest Alabama and the extreme western panhandle of Florida.

This is the current 48 hour forecast from the SERFC and forecasts were issued based on this information.

SERFC Current conditions and forecast

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Southern Alabama Focus





Here is the current depiction of river forecast based on the 48-hour rainfall.

Many action stage, a few minor floods and one moderate flood forecast has been issued based on past and forecasted future rainfall.

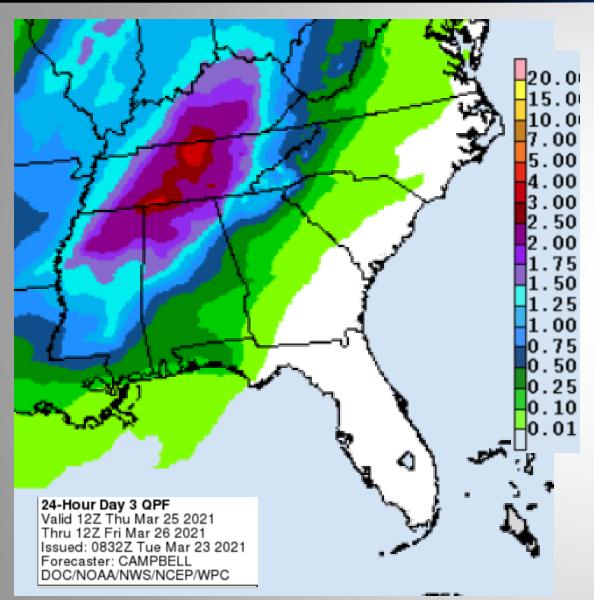
Stay aware of changes to forecasts in the coming days

SERFC web address:

https://www.weather.gov/serfc/

Or the Weather Forecast Office Mobile:

https://www.weather.gov/mob/



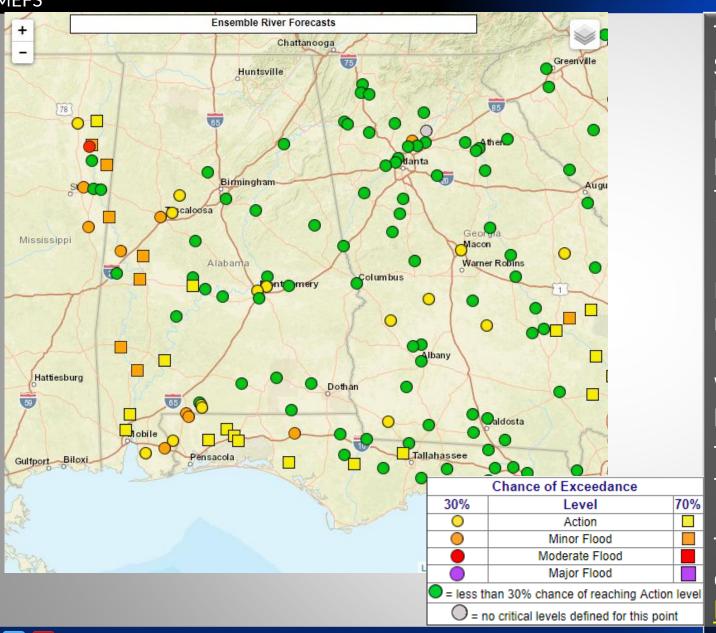
Day 3 rainfall forecast from Thursday morning through Friday morning. The rainfall is expected to move further inland...with the heaviest remaining in Mississippi and Alabama.

Please continue to monitor our forecasts for changes that could affect your community.

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MMEFS



The Meteorological Model Ensemble Forecast System (MMEFS), to the left, is using the NAEFS model and addresses uncertainty in the longer lead rainfall forecast that helps to provide a confidence level for potential flooding. The NAEFS runs in our model every 12 hours.

Mostly minor flooding is possible is this area of rain moves north.

When looking at these, know that this is helpful in describing the uncertainty outside the 48-hour QPF window we use for the river forecasts.

To take a closer look. Here is the link to more detailed information:

https://www.weather.gov/erh/mmefs

- SERFC will remain on 24-hour operations until further notice.
- The Daily Operational Support message will continue until further notice.

Latest River Stages and Forecasts are available...click here!

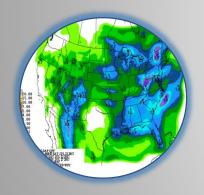
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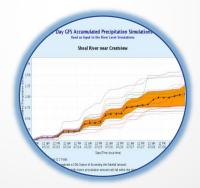
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Latest Forecast Rainfall



MMEFS - Ensemble River Forecasts

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- The Daily Operational Support Message will continue tomorrow to update you on current conditions and changes to the forecast.
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